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In re application of:) Examiner: Rawlings, Stephen L.
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Laurence A. LASKY, et al.) Art Unit: 1642
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Application Serial No. 09/068,377) Attorney's Docket No. 39766-0061 CP2
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Filed: May 8, 1998) Customer No. 25213
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For: **TYROSINE PHOSPHORYLATED**)
 CLEAVAGE FURROW-)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment and Response is submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on August 27, 2002 (Paper No. 33).

The Final Office Action mailed on August 27, 2002 sets a three-month term for reply. On December 18, 2002, a Notice of Appeal was filed along with a request for a one month extension of time and the fees therefore. The present Preliminary Amendment and Response is accompanied by a request for five months' extension of time, setting the term to July 18, 2003, so that this Preliminary Amendment and Response is timely filed.

Claims 16-18 and 24 stand rejected by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request the amendment of the application as follows and consideration of the subsequent remarks before continued examination of the application.

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